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RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES DEVELOPER'S EFFORTS IN LINCOLN

Successful partnership between USDA and Great Western

LINCOLN, June 18, 2010 – In acknowledgement of National Homeownership Month, USDA Rural Development today is recognizing Great Western, LLC for their efforts providing housing in the Lincoln community and others around the state.



USDA Rural Development recognizes Great Western, LLC for their efforts in providing housing in Lincoln and around the state. **Pictured: (l to r)** Barry Borstad, Mark Wax, Michael Heinsohn, Don Harris and Tim Wanner.

“USDA Rural Development has been successful helping families and individuals become homeowners,” said Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider. “Expanding and preserving homeownership builds stronger more prosperous communities.”

When Michael Heinsohn joined the development company in 1972, his father, Harlan Heinsohn, owned it.

Today, Michael has taken over ownership of Great Western as his father recently retired. The company provides various housing services to

include: land development, new home construction, licensed real estate broker and remodeling contractor.

“When times were tough, the only option for a lot of people to get an affordable house was Rural Development’s 502 Direct Loan,” said Mike Heinsohn. “Many people could not believe that they were getting a home. Being a part of that made my job rewarding.”

The company has worked with many Rural Development financing programs such as Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program (502 Direct Loan), Guaranteed Loan Program, Self Help Loan Program and Home Repair Loans and Grants. Great Western has been involved in Rural Development housing projects in the communities of Jamestown, Devils Lake, Ellendale, Hankinson, Wahpeton, Horace, Carson and New Salem.

This year’s homeownership theme is “Protecting the American Dream.” Rural Development puts this theme into action through its’ housing programs that improve the quality of life for North Dakotans by ensuring they have access to safe, well-built, affordable homes.

National Homeownership Month is observed each June to raise awareness about the vital role homeownership plays in improving lives, creating jobs and economic opportunities and strengthening America's neighborhoods.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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